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SUBJECT: GUINEA-BISSAU - FRG RELATIONS

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1. REFTEL REPORTED COMPLICATED STORY OF HOW GOGB (GUINEA-BISSAU) GOT CAUGHT IN A CROSS-FIRE BETWEEN THE FRG AND THE GDR OVER THE BERLIN QUESTION. GDR AMBASSADOR IN BISSAU MANAGED TO TEMPORARILY CONVINCE GOGB THAT SIGNING OF AN UMBRELLA AID AGREEMENT WITH THE FRG WHICH CONTAINED A BERLIN CLAUSE WOULD COMPROMISE GUINEA-BISSAU'S NON-ALIGNED STATUS. QUICK DIPLOMATIC ACTION BY FRG OFFICIALS HAS HOWEVER, SMOOTHED OVER THE SITUATION AND A "RENEGOTIATED" AID AGREEMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR SIGNING WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

2. AS ANTICIPATED, FRG EMBASSY OFFICIALS FROM DAKAR EFFECTIVELY USED THE EARLY MAY VISIT OF
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WILLY BRANDT TO SENEGAL TO ARRANGE FOR A COMMITMENT ON THE BERLIN CLAUSE (REFTEL). APPARENTLY THE GOGB SOON REALIZED IT HAD BEEN SANDBAGGED BY THE GDR AMBASSADOR AND BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED TO A COSMETIC CHANGE IN THE BERLIN CLAUSE. NON-RESIDENT FRG AMBASSADOR IS NOW EXPECTED IN BISSAU IN NEXT FEW WEEKS TO "RESIGN" THE UMBRELLA

AID AGREEMENT. THE BERLIN CLAUSE LANGUAGE CHANGE
WILL BE A SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT THE
STATUS OF BERLIN IS THE RESULT OF AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE ORIGINAL FOUR OCCUPYING POWERS, E.G. THE
SOVIET UNION.

3. IN THE INTERIM, THE FRG HAS BEEN RECEIVING A GOOD
DEAL OF FAVORABLE PUBLICITY FOR ITS ECONOMIC ASSIS-
TANCE PROGRAMS IN THE LOCAL PRESS AND IN SPEECHES BY
THE GUINEA-BISSAU PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER.
MARKS

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